



Community

TTLT Half Termly Newsletter



A message from Paul - CEO

Dear Parents and Carers,



This really has been the most bizarre year, but I am immensely proud to be part of such a wonderful community that works together to achieve for all. Not only have we continued to deliver fantastic opportunities for our children and support for families, but we have also been able to support many more people in the community, as well as achieving awards across all of our schools. The children have been truly inspiring throughout this time, keeping us all focussed on what we need to do moving forward. This would not have been possible without the amazing partnership across our schools and communities, and I thank you all for this.

As we approach the holidays, I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and New Year and I look forward to 2021 being somewhat different to the year we have had, and to a return to a more normal way of life.

Best Wishes,
Paul Harris

The Trust's YouTube Channel

The Tapscott Learning Trust are really pleased with the success of our brand new YouTube channel! We've had over 2,500 views (and counting) with over 60 hours of content watched so far.

The channel is filled with videos to aid pupils, parents and staff alike. Take a look and see how you can benefit from this new resource.

Search the Tapscott Learning Trust, or subscribe here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUuEPNwJ-7OHrmsRbLvlqQA?sub_confirmation=1

Awards!

Curwen

RE Quality Mark GOLD!

Kensington

Pearson Gold Award - Primary School of the Year, Award for Making a Difference 2020

Pearson Silver Award - Helen Harris, Excellence in Special Needs Education

Tes Award - Wellbeing & Mental Health

EAL Quality Mark GOLD!

Paul Belcher

Active School Hero 2020!



Primary School of the YEAR!

We can't express how proud we are of Kensington for winning the **Pearson Gold Award for Primary School of the Year: Award for Making a Difference**.

This is one of the most prestigious national awards there is, and to receive recognition at this level is an exceptional achievement, testament to the hard work and dedication of Mr Levinson and the entire team at Kensington. This comes just two short weeks after winning another prestigious national award: The **Tes Award for Wellbeing & Mental Health**, and **Helen Harris'** incredible achievement of winning a **Pearson Silver Award for Excellence in Special Needs Education** earlier this term. Well done to everyone on a term that will go down in history!

Thank you and good luck!

After many years of dedication and service to the children of Newham as a local authority officer and more latterly an National Leader of Governance, Mr. Andi Smith is retiring at the end of this month as a Trustee. Andi deserves a huge amount of gratitude for all the work he has done in our schools, his impact over the years has been immense.

We all would like to wish Andi well as he prepares to take more time to focus on himself and his family, however, we are delighted that he will continue as a Member of the Trust, ensuring that we continue to meet our agreed mission, vision and aims. This retirement is very much deserved and we know that everyone in the Trust will join in thanking Andi for everything he has done for our children, schools and staff.



Curwen harvest donation to local food bank

Curwen kindly sent a harvest donation to Ambition, Aspire, Achieve, a charity that delivers a wide range of services across local communities in Newham. Their work stems from a desire to provide opportunities to children and young people in the borough and surrounding areas, including those with disabilities and additional needs. The founder, Kevin Jenkins OBE, said:

"Everyone's kindness and generosity will help Ambition Aspire Achieve to make a real difference over the winter months for local disadvantaged children and their families."



Mr Potter (pictured on the left) organised the donation, and we'd like to commend him for taking such an active role in the welfare of those lesser off in the community, at a time when demand for food parcels is soaring.



Introducing... Buffy the Bus!

Pupils and staff at North Beckton have been enjoying their new facility: Buffy the Bus! A renovated London bus, Buffy has been placed in the playground as dedicated space for children to develop their love of reading. We could think of worse places to snuggle up with a book!

Ranelagh: Year 4 Henry V Performance

Year 4 students at Ranelagh stunned us all with their wonderful performance of Henry V, which was broadcast online as part of the national Shakespeare School Festival!

You can watch their performance here:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qo81yd_3Uf8&fbclid=IwAR02ZxAgUdIIUC4Yg4He91t922wrd27hM0G5vnN2m_BbobTmJySJKnPurgo



Love your hair!

The children at Rebecca Cheetham have been doing some great activities on their book of the month, **Hair Love** by **Matthew A Cherry** and **Vashti Harrison**.

The children worked in their hair salon and celebrated different hair types. They spent time thinking about their hair, and used textured materials to use as their hair in a self portrait.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

We're all trying to end this year with a little cheer... our schools have made sure to embrace the season and send 2020 off with a bang. Each school has a great number of festivities planned, here are a few of our favourites that the children will be enjoying...

After a term for the history books, Kensington are looking forward to their Christmas party on the 14th December, where each bubble will celebrate their incredible term! At North Beckton, Friday 11th December is Christmas Jumper Day, where money will be raised for local charities. Rebecca Cheetham are doing a whole school nativity which will be recorded and shared with parents - we can't wait to see the costumes! The children at Ranelagh are putting together a winter song video for parents that we are all looking forward to watching. Sticking with the musical theme, Curwen are creating an advent calendar of Christmas songs recorded and shared by each year group as we count down!

We wish you all a lovely break, Merry Christmas to those celebrating, and a very Happy New Year!

